



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of Stop Flu Week**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health has led the implementation of the statewide school-located influenza vaccination program, Stop Flu at School program, since 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health's primary objective concerning the Stop Flu at School program is "to decrease flu disease and complications resulting from flu disease in schoolchildren"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health designed the Stop Flu at School program to make seasonal flu vaccinations available free of charge to students in grades K-8 in participating schools; these school-located vaccinations clinics have created an accessible and convenient opportunity for a large population to receive flu vaccinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health in partnership with the Stop Flu at School program has been able to successfully administer 300,000 flu vaccinations to Hawai'i's students, faculty and staff during the past four flu seasons from 2007-2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health understands that this unique statewide flu vaccination program has been the result of a strong partnership among multiple organizations and agencies working toward the unified goal of public health and disease prevention; these organizations and agencies include:

- AlohaCare;
- Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA);
- Kaiser Permanente;
- MDX Hawaii;
- United Healthcare (UHC);
- University Health Alliance (UHA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health acknowledges the member organizations of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP) for its contributions in extending the Stop Flu at School program in our local schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health will be celebrating Stop Flu Week from October 17-24, 2011; the statewide Protect Hawai'i's Keiki: Stop Flu at School program will be administering free flu vaccinations to students in grades K-8 at more than 300 public, private and charter schools statewide;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim the week of October 17-24, 2011 as

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in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to support the Hawaii State Department of Health and the member organizations of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP) for its dedication and commitment in keeping our local children healthy.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of October, 2011.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i